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1. DEPT. REGRETS PROBABLE DATES (SEPT.15-16) GIVEN IN REFTEL A FOR FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. WEEK OF SEPT. 20 IS AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, AND DEPT. HAS SO INFORMED SPANISH EMBASSY.

2. DEPT. REQUESTS EMBASSY TO STRESS FOLLOWING POINTS WITH APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIALS IN PREPARATION FOR US/GOS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON IN LATE SEPTEMBER: (1) BEGINNING MARCH 1, 1977, FOREIGN FISHING OFF U.S. COASTS CAN BE CONDUCTED ONLY PURSUANT TO FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976, (2) IF DECEMBER SPECIAL MEETING OF ICNAF FAILS AND USG WITHDRAWS FROM CONVENTION, FISHING BY SPAIN AND OTHER ICNAF MEMBER NATIONS MAY NOT BE CONDUCTED OFF U.S. COAST BEGINNING MARCH 1, 1977, EXCEPT UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT (GIFA), (3) THE U.S. LAW PROVIDES FOR

60-DAY CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF EACH GIFA AND THE GIFA MUST BE APPROVED BY CONGRESS BEFORE A COUNTRY CAN APPLY FOR A PORTION OF THE ALLOWABLE CATCH, AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN FISHING (4) THE DEPT. ESTIMATES IT COULD TAKE 90 DAYS FROM TIME OF RECEIPT OF FOREIGN APPLICATIONS TO TIME OF ISSUANCE OF NECESSARY PERMITS, AND (5) THE TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETING THE GIFA AND INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS BY MARCH 1, 1977, IS EXTREMELY LIMITED, AND COMPOUNDED BY DEPT'S. HEAVY NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

3. DEPT. REQUESTS EMBASSY TO ASSESS GOS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT. MEETING AND TO STRESS POINT THAT DEPT. WILL BE PREPARED TO CONCLUDE AND SIGN GIFA IN WASHINGTON. IF GOS IS PREPARED TO CONCLUDE GIFA IN SEPT., EMBASSY SHOULD PROPOSE FULL WEEK OF SEPT. 20 FOR NEGOTIATIONS. IF GOS IS PREPARED FOR EXPLORATORY TALKS ONLY WITH FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS AND SIGNING LATER, EMBASSY SHOULD PROPOSE DATES OF SEPT. 20-22.

4. IF GOS DESIRES ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING FOR FOR;AL NEGOTIATIONS, DEPT. IS PREPARED TO ARRANGE USG-GOS TECHNICAL TALKS TO HELP CLARIFY POSSIBLE QUESTIONS ON DRAFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GIFA (REFTEL B) IN WASHINGTON IN LATE AUGUST-EARLY SEPT, IF NECESSARY. IF GOS DESIRES TO SEND TECHNICAL TEAM TO U.S. FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE DEPT SOONEST. HABIB

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